Statement

Modernisation of State Roads as National Highways

Sl. No.	State	No. of Proposals Received	Length (in Km.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9	4812
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	400
3.	Assam	1	178
4.	Bihar	6	1390
5.	Chandigarh	—	—
6.	Delhi	—	—
7.	Goa	3	101
8.	Gujarat	10	2510
9.	Haryana	5	932
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	618
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	400
12.	Karnataka	14	4810
13.	Kerala	8	1301
14.	Madhya Pradesh	13	6492
15.	Maharashtra	11	4782
16.	Manipur	1	332
17.	Meghalaya	1	133
18.	Mizoram	3	441
19.	Nagaland	1	220
20.	Orissa	4	837
21.	Pondicherry	2	104
22.	Punjab	5	980
23.	Rajasthan	5	1709
24.	Sikkim	1	30
25.	Tamil Nadu	16	3355
26.	Tripura	1	135
27.	Uttar Pradesh	4	1856
28.	West Bengal	7	530
	Total	135	39388

परमाणु हथियारों का निर्माण

607. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार परमाणु हथियार बनाने पर विचार कर रही है या विचार करना चाहती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में यदि कोई ब्यौरा है, तो वह क्या है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो भारत पर बढ़ते हुए विदेशी दबाव और भारत के प्रति पड़ौसी देशों के व्यवहार तथा दृष्टिकोण को ध्यान में रखते हुए परमाणु हथियार बनाने के संबंध में सरकार का निर्णय क्या है; और

(घ) परमाणु परीक्षण निषेध और परमाणु अप्रसार संधियों पर हस्ताक्षर करने के संबंध में भी सरकार का अंतिम निर्णय क्या है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) से (घ) भारत का नाभिकीय कार्यक्रम व्यापक है और केवल शान्तिपूर्ण प्रयोजनों के लिए है। यद्यपि हम नाभिकीय अप्रसार सन्धि के विरुद्ध हैं क्योंकि यह एक भेदभाव-पूर्ण सन्धि है। तथापि हम अप्रसार के प्रति वचनबद्ध हैं। भारत सभी नाभिकीय हथियारों को समाप्त करके वास्तविक अप्रसार हासिल करने के लिए काम करना जारी रखेगा। भारत की सुरक्षा स्थिति की निरन्तर समीक्षा की जाती है और सरकार राष्ट्र की सुरक्षा के लिए उत्पन्न होने वाले किसी भी खतरे का सामना करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक उपाय करती रहेगी।

LPG Connections to Fishermen

608. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG connections have been provided to the fishermen in the country who were using kerosene oil for cooking purposes on their boats;

(b) the criteria for allotment of the LPG connections and number of such connections provided so far;

(c) whether sale of subsidised kerosene has been discontinued to the fishermen who have LPG connections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) It has been decided that one LPG connection for a fishing boat may be released on application. Such LPG connections are released after ensuring that the various safety conditions are fully complied with in the fishing boat. The LPG supplies for the purpose will be made at non-domestic rates. Upto January 1996 seven LPG connections have been released by the LPG marketing companies to the fishermen for cooking on board their boats.

There is no such decision by the Ministry of Petroluem and Natural Gas to discontinue

the sale of subsidised kerosene to fishermen who have got an LPG connection under the scheme.

Helicopters purchased by Oil Companies

609. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several oil companies have purchased helicopters during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their cost, date of purchase and the companies from which these have been purchased;

(c) whether some of the above helicopters have gone out of order;

(d) if so, the number there-of and the amount spent on their maintenance and repairs during the above period; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that these helicopters are not misused.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Complaint regarding delay in delivery of Money Order

610. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 7070 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th May, 1995 and state:

(a) when disciplinary action was initiated against the alleged guilty personnel by the department;

(b) whether the disciplinary proceedings have been completed, if so, whether the charge has since been proved, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the postal employees in Delhi do lend money received through money orders to outside people thereby delaying its despatch; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken against this widely prevalent racket in Delhi and how many employees were punished for indulging in this misdeed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Disciplinary proceedings against the guilty official were initiated on 14-12-95.

(b) The defence of the charged official has been received and is under process.

(c) No such instance has come to notice.

(d) Does not arise.

Demands by people of Manipur

611. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long pending demands of the people of Manipur, namely, withdrawal of Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958; withdrawal of operation Sunny vale and shifting of Assam Rifles from sacred Kangla, a historical fort in Manipur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The law and order situation in Manipur continues to remain under Control but disturbed on account of secessionist and violent activities of various insurgent groups. To deal with the prevailing situation, the whole of Manipur has been declared as a disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.

An operation called operation "SUNNY VALE' was launched in 1995 to flush out valley-based insurgent groups. This operation resulted in 12 insurgents being killed and 324 insurgents being apprehended. Besides, 121 weapons with assorted ammunition of 1813 rounds were recovered.

Regarding the Kangla Fort, the Government's endeavour will be that a portion of the Assam Rifles Battalion moves out before March 31, 1996. The remaining portion of the Unit would be shifted as soon as alternative accommodation becomes ready for occupation.